



Annual Report 2017

In pursuit of Gross Animal Happiness

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Word from the President

On behalf of the Board members of the Bhutan Animal Rescue and Care, I would herewith like to express my sincere gratitude to the many animal lovers who have brought sick and injured animals to our rescue centers. Without your compassion in action and pro-active engagement, the BARC could not have reached the growing number of animals in need, over these past many years. We are very grateful to have you as part of our growing network of animal-care volunteers!

Personally, I like to also share my sincere gratefulness to my fellow Board members for their pro-active promotion of animal welfare in Bhutan and their voluntary contributions to growing and strengthening the BARC organization. The BARC has become more professional and stronger due to your heartfelt efforts and guidance.

The BARC Board endorses and is pleased to present the Annual Report 2017, which comprises an overview of key achievements, and financial accounts, of the BARC over the years 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014. BARC has been able to provide medical care and sanctuary to an increasing number of animals over the years, largely due to a growing network of supporters and the publicity generated by receiving of the National Order of Merit, Gold; a great honor for which BARC is immensely grateful to His Majesty the King of Bhutan. I therefore hope that you will enjoy reading the Annual Report 2017.

Looking forward, the coming years will be challenging and exiting as the BARC is looking to establish a Center for Animal Happiness on a new location nearby Thimphu municipality. We hope that we can raise adequate funds for better facilities so we can help more animals in need and improve the care we give. With your support we can do much more!

Thank you for walking with us on the path of compassion-in-action for Gross Animal Happiness.

On behalf of the BARC Board,



Marianne Guillet - President



Rinpoche Mynak R. Tulku; Mrs. Chime Wangmo; Khandroma Dorji Phagmo Rinpoche;
Mr. Kinlay Gyaltshen; Mrs. Peldon Tshering; Mrs. Yeshey Choden; Mr. Hendrik Visser.

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Gross Animal Happiness

The vision of the BARC is to promote Gross Animal Happiness, which entails stimulating the progression of Bhutan's society towards Gross National Happiness (GNH), where animals are treated and cared for with respect, kindness and compassion, and where a healthy and happy co-existence of animals and humans is the norm. BARC conducts advocacy, awareness and education programmes to promote the importance of animal welfare and of practicing kindness and compassion-in-action towards all animals.

Our purpose is to promote the welfare and health of animals

We base our existence and actions on the intrinsic value of animals, independent from the utility value which animals may have for humans.

We protect the welfare of animals in the broadest sense; and

We promote the healthy co-existence of animals and humans

How we came about

The Bhutan Animal Rescue and Care (BARC) emerged over the past 20 years from a personal initiative of Marianne Guillet (also known as "*Rochi Ama*" or "Mother of Dogs"), a French architect and geographer turned veterinarian and Hendrik Visser, a Dutch civil engineer and sociologist. With an increasing attention for animal welfare in Bhutan over the years, the number of animals in need of care kept growing and in June 2013 Marianne, Hendrik and their close friends and supporters therefore established the BARC as a civil society organization in Bhutan.

Who we are

The Board members of the BARC are all animal lovers and promoters of animal welfare in their personal lives. The BARC is very grateful and pleased to have the following Board Members:

1. Mrs. Marianne Guillet - President
2. Mr. Kinlay Gyaltsen – Treasures/ED
3. Rimpoche Mynak R. Tulku
4. Mrs. Chime Wangmo
5. Khandroma Dorji Phagmo Rimpoche
6. Mrs. Peldon Tshering
7. Mrs. Yeshey Choden
8. Mr. Hendrik Visser - Secretary

What we do

Animal Rescue

The BARC is presently sheltering 285 dogs, 12 cats and 32 macaque monkeys at its rescue centre in Yoeselpang and numerous dogs, cats, mules, cows, goats and pigs at the shelter in Paro. We have a 24/7 rescue service, pick-up animals in need and organize transport through our caring supporters. We strive to re-integrate or relocate recovered animals, but those who are handicapped or suffer from chronic diseases find a warm permanent welcome at our shelters.

Medical Care

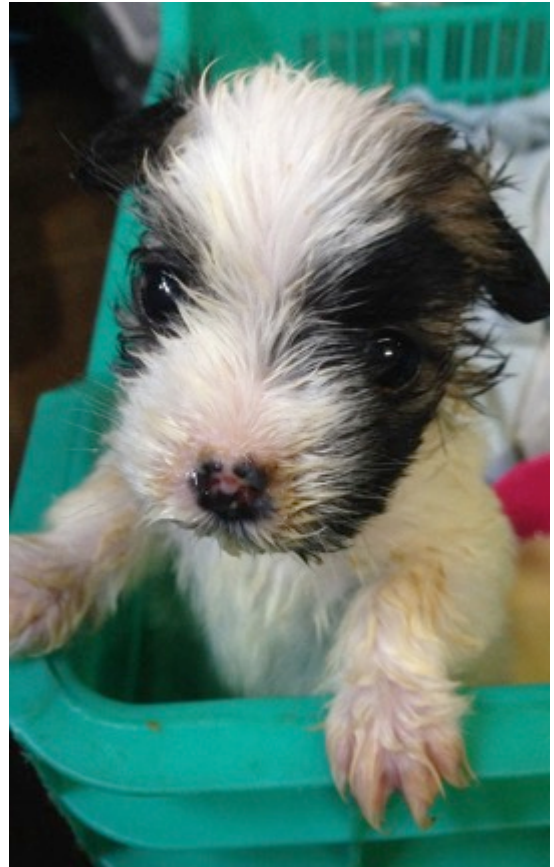
In our Intensive Care Unit with quarantine, our clinic with surgery and treatment rooms and our post-care facility, we provide medical treatment for wounds, infectious diseases, cancer/tumours, gastroenteritis and skin infections, as well as orthopedic surgery, prosthetics and cesareans.

Sterilization

To support a small and healthy stray animal population, we also conduct weekly sterilization campaigns with DHPPI-L vaccinations. Our animal care programme is building upon a network of caring citizens who bring stray dogs from their neighborhood or assist us in catching them. This makes release of sterilized dogs back into the community and follow-up care also successful. We promote Animal Happiness in support to Community Happiness!

Advocacy

Many people who visit us are interested to know more about animal care as well as how to genuinely practice humanitarian values and compassion in action. This often results in a lively engagement with mutual reflection and learning; and indeed an empowerment for doing 'good'.



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Key Achievements

Year 2017

BARC further improved on functionalities of facilities. Three more dog cages/pounds were constructed to accommodate more dogs, and 2 open shelters were constructed for sheltering of the increasing dogs population at the center. BARC continued its animal rescue services, by providing animal ambulance service to injured and sick free dogs and occasional large animals (cows, horses, mules, pigs, goats).

Over 2017 BARC provided the following animal rescue and treatments:

- Sterilizations: dogs 258 and cats 18.
- In-patient dogs/cats: 412.
- Out-patients dogs/cats: 521.
- Large animals: 22.
- Total animal population at rescue center (year end): 329.
- Macaque monkey population (rehabilitation): 31.

The present animal rescue center in Yusupang is constructed on rented private land and has a temporary character. BARC agreed to over time relocate the centre, for which BARC identified jointly with Chang Gewog, Thimphu Dzongkhag, a new location. On the new location BARC will establish a Centre for Animal Happiness, for which a comprehensive program proposal has been developed for government support and fund raising.

Year 2016

BARC received the **National Order of Merit Gold, from His Majesty The King**, on National Day, "For volunteering time and effort towards promoting humanitarian values, our culture and tradition, and our national objectives; for working passionately and tirelessly for the benefit of others; for taking on the responsibility to provide support and assistance wherever the government is unable to reach, and for keeping alive the sacred values of compassion and empathy."



National Order of Merit, Gold

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Plaque National Order of Merit, Gold

BARC participated in the CSO Fair with a stand to promote its animal welfare and rescue work, and provided a free pet clinic. The work of BARC was much appreciated by Her Majesty The Queen, who paid a prolonged visit to the BARC stand.

Over 2016 BARC provided the following animal rescue and treatments:

- Sterilizations: dogs 202 and cats 16.
- In-patient dogs/cats: 379.
- Out-patients dogs/cats: 456.
- Large animals: 16.
- Total animal population at rescue center (year end): 274.
- Macaque monkey population (rehabilitation): 25.

Year 2015

BARC was elected as a member of the CSO Core Committee, which represents all registered CSOs in Bhutan and which promotes the strengthening of civil society in Bhutan through dialogue and advocacy.

BARC conducted maintenance and repair on the animal rescue center at Yusupang, and improved on functionalities of facilities. Two dog cages/pounds were constructed to accommodate more free dogs, especially for paraplegic dogs (car accidents and neurological diseases). BARC also developed its website to increase outreach and transparency.



BARC provides a home to all animals in need

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Over 2015 BARC provided the following animal rescue and treatments:

- Sterilizations: dogs 206 and cats 18.
- In-patient dogs/cats: 279.
- Out-patients dogs/cats: 384.
- Large animals: 10.
- Total animal population at rescue center (year end): 233.
- Macaque monkey population (rehabilitation): 22.



'Fendi', Dalmatian from the cruel puppy farms of India, chronic skin disease and genetic weaknesses due to in-breeding and malnutrition

Year 2014

BARC is utilizing the animal rescue center constructed at the location in Yusupang, which is provided for free by Hendrik Visser and Marianne Guillet. The center has a clinic/hospital, Intensive Care Unit, animal food preparation kitchen, washrooms, office, guesthouse and macaque rehabilitation center.

BARC continued its animal rescue services, by providing animals ambulance service to injured and sick free dogs and occasional large animals (cows, horses, mules, pigs, goats). BARC is also utilizing the three vehicles owned by Hendrik Visser and Marianne Guillet, for free, for animal rescues, daily dog food collection, weekly vegetable/fruit collection for the macaque monkeys staff movement and for daily operations.

Over 2014 BARC provided the following animal rescue and treatments:

- Sterilizations: dogs 181 and cats 10.
- In-patient dogs/cats: 211.
- Out-patients dogs/cats: 323.
- Large animals: 7.
- Total animal population at rescue center (year end): 186.
- Macaque monkey population (rehabilitation): 21.

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How you can help

With your help and co-operation, we can continue to provide animal rescue and care services to the numerous stray animals and wildlife in need in Bhutan. Your donations are directly and 100% helping animals in need!

You can volunteer at the shelter and participate in the daily care and rescue. You can also adopt or sponsor an animal and become a BARC member. We are always in need of: (used) blankets, clothes, fabric and buckets; soya chunks, dog dry food and goodies; floor cleaners and bleach.

Financial Accounts

On the next pages the Financial Accounts are presented of the years 2017 to 2014. The financial years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 have been audited by the Royal Audit Authority in September 2018, through appointment of the auditing company Chewang & Sons Ltd. The audit took place over May 2018 and BARC received the Audit report in July 2018. The RAA assessed that all financial statements of the BARC over above years are in all material respects in accordance with the financial rules and regulations and RAA therefore issued an unmodified or clean audit opinion.

The BARC Board is pleased with the clean audit opinion and acknowledges the need to implement the audit recommendations on further improving BARC operations.

The audited financial accounts for 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 are presented below.